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Letter dated 28 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you that a brigade of the Rwandan Patriotic Army, supported by armed members of UNITA, has launched attacks on Katanga province (Democratic Republic of the Congo) from Zambian territory.

While confirming to you the content of our letter of 26 December 2000 (S/2000/1237) containing a request to the Security Council to take coercive measures against Uganda and Rwanda for their repeated violations of the Lusaka, Kampala, Maputo and Harare Agreements, as well as of the relevant resolutions of the Council, all aimed at instituting an effective ceasefire and speeding up the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, my Government takes this opportunity to express its deep concern at the unfriendly attitude of the Zambian authorities, which appear to be allowing the forces of aggression to move freely through their territory.

My Government believes that the attitude of Zambia in granting free passage to the Rwandan regular army and the forces of UNITA is extremely serious, and contravenes the provisions of resolution 1332 (2000) of 14 December 2000, which reaffirmed the obligation of all States to refrain from the use of force against the territorial integrity and political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

My Government requests the Security Council to remind Zambia of the Council's major role in mediating the war of aggression in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to call on that country's authorities to take all appropriate and necessary measures to prevent their national territory being used as a sanctuary for the forces of aggression and the negative forces that are violating the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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